

Washington, DC – Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23) issued the following statement on the passing of former Gov. Dolph Briscoe at his home in Uvalde Sunday:

"Texas lost a legendary figure this weekend with the passing of former Gov. Dolph Briscoe, the first Texas governor from Southwest Texas and one of the great philanthropists of our time.

His generosity has preserved western art and expanded our institutions of higher learning. He served in the Texas Legislature from 1949 to 1957 and then served as Governor from 1973 to 1979. He was truly a champion of the public, signing into law the 1973 Texas Open Records Act guaranteeing the public's right to information about state and local government. He was also responsible for sponsoring legislation that gave Texas its statewide farm-to-market road system.

And his role as president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association in the 1960s improved the agricultural industry immeasurably.

I was proud to name the Uvalde Post Office after Gov. Briscoe in 2007 for his distinguished career in public service. And today, I honor the memory of Gov. Briscoe for his commitment to Texans and a life as a dedicated public servant."

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